

MAYOR'S MESSAGE – July

Even though I had to do a little research, it was fun to find the real origin of the expression “dog days of summer.” I’ve always thought the phrase referred to the hot part of the summer when even dogs didn’t want to do anything but lay around and be lazy. But research explained the expression as having nothing to do with dogs at all, actually more about astronomy. It refers to the position of the dog star, Sirius.

In the event, you are like me and look forward to the summer days in July. Here are some activities to entice you to do fun things rather than be lazy and wish the hot summer days away.

At our newly renovated Murray Amphitheater, “The Music Man,” will have 8 p.m. performances on July 27-29, 31 and Aug. 1-2.

Free Movies in the Park on July 9 at 9 p.m., “Rogue One” will be shown at the Ken Price Ball Field and on July 14 at the same hour, “Moana” will be featured at the outdoor pool. Bring your float tubes, swimsuits and enjoy a “dive-in” movie.

A few new features to be enjoyed in the park:

- Six new pickleball courts are available in July. The bridge, that connects them with the park, is east of Constitution Circle.
- A newly constructed outdoor exercise area located east of the pickleball court bridge.
- The resurfaced pathway throughout Murray Park.

The Lunch Concert Series has performances in Park Pavilion #5 at noon. Grab your lunch and join us on the following dates:

- July 11 Trumpet Dave, Brass
- July 18 String Chix, Folk
- July 25 Time Cruisers, Oldies
- Aug. 1 New Hot 5, Jazz

The outdoor swimming pool hours of operation are:

- 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday – Thursday
- 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday
- 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

In Constitution Circle, there are free yoga classes on July 9, 16 and 30 from 9-10 a.m.

Enjoy the 90-plus LED lights in the park and amphitheater parking lot and free Wi-Fi throughout the park.

There are many other events happening in the city, please visit our website at murray.utah.gov or download our mobile app – **MurrayCityUT**. As you can see, things are happening in Murray City during the “dog days of summer.” I hope you’ll enjoy some of the fun activities, have a terrific summer and watch for the “dog” star in the sky one of these summer nights!

Sincerely,
Ted Eyre, Mayor